

Focus Occupation: **Dental Assistants (31-9091)**

Focus occupation: Dental Assistants	
Employment and Growth	1,342/ 33.4%
Ave. Monthly Wage	\$3,611
Education/Experience	Postsecondary non-degree award

Advance FROM Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (29-1022)	6	n/a	PHD	75
Orthodontists (29-1023)	5	n/a	PHD	80
Dentists, All Other Specialists (29-1029)	4	n/a	PHD	97
Dentists, General (29-1021)	4	175/ 25.0%	PHD	93
Prosthodontists (29-1024)	3	n/a	PHD	75
Dental Hygienists (29-2021)	2	733/ 34.2%	AA	100
Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081)	1	51/ 21.4%	HS	75
Surgical Technologists (29-2055)	1	188/ 30.6%	VOC	75

Transfer TO and FROM Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other (31-9099)	0	1,381/ 31.5%	HS	75
Medical Assistants (31-9092)	0	1,438/ 31.9%	HS	75
Medical Equipment Preparers (31-9093)	0	90/ 25.0%	HS	73

Important note: A worker does not necessarily have to traverse every rung to advance to or from the focus occupation. Occupations above and below the focus occupation are directly related to the focus occupation, but they are not necessarily directly related to each other. For example, actors and athletes are both related to agents of artists, performers, and athletes, but actors and athletes are not directly related to each other.

Analysis and development of the career lattice is by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

Data sources used for research and analysis: O*NET (Occupation Information Network), Alaska Occupational Data Base (ODB), Standard Occupational Classification Manual, North American Industry Classification System manual, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employer Survey (OES) wage estimates.